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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Yoshinori Yamagishi et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111(C)

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 24, 2006,  
having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire  
June 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 4 of this paper.